



**Green Mountain/Finger Lakes National Forests**  
**Rainbow Family National Gathering**  
**Information Update**  
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**Update 6**

1,146 Rainbow Family members are currently occupying areas on Forest Road 10 near Mount Tabor. Bus parking is being monitored as more people arrive at the gathering site.

Surrounding communities are reporting issues such as panhandling for food and money, harassment of local customers at stores and gas stations, requests for use of restroom facilities, and requests for drinking water.

Kitchens are opening daily at the gathering site to feed Rainbow Family members. Businesses encountering Rainbow Family members asking for food and water should send them to the gathering site for their meals. Toilet facilities, provided by the Rainbow Family, are also available at the ballfield entrance to Forest Road 10.

Nurses from the Vermont Department of Health visited CALM (Rainbow Family medical facility) on 6/24/16 to assess the site in case of a needed public health response and to become acquainted with Rainbow individuals who staff CALM.

By June 24, 2016, a total of 60 warning notices and 59 violation notices were issued for traffic and drug related offences. 40 other incidents received law enforcement response.

All natural resource areas of concern have been reviewed and flagged for avoidance by Rainbow Family members. Resource monitoring by Green Mountain NF employees will continue into late July.

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Photo below: Joanne Calvi, RN (right) is the District Health Director in Rutland District, VDH and Melissa Richards, RN is the Nursing Supervisor.

